

House File 379 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the definition of a governmental body under
2 Iowa's open meetings law.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 21.2, subsection 1, paragraphs e and h,
2 Code 2021, are amended to read as follows:

3 e. An advisory board, advisory commission, or task force
4 created by the governor, ~~or the general assembly, or by~~
5 administrative action of a state department or agency to
6 develop and make recommendations on public policy and budgetary
7 issues.

8 h. An advisory board, advisory commission, advisory
9 committee, task force, or other body created by statute or
10 executive order of this state, ~~or created by an executive order~~
11 of a political subdivision of this state, or created by action
12 of an administrative officer of a political subdivision to
13 develop and make recommendations on public policy and budgetary
14 issues.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill amends the definition of a governmental body under
19 Iowa's open meetings law (Code chapter 21).

20 The bill includes an advisory board, advisory commission,
21 or task force created by the governor, the general assembly,
22 or by administrative action of a state department or agency to
23 develop and make recommendations on public policy and budgetary
24 issues and an advisory board, advisory commission, advisory
25 committee, task force, or other body created by statute or
26 executive order of this state, created by an executive order
27 of a political subdivision of this state, or created by action
28 of an administrative officer of a political subdivision to
29 develop and make recommendations on public policy and budgetary
30 issues in the definition of a governmental body subject to the
31 requirements of the open meetings law.

32 Under current law, an advisory board, advisory commission,
33 or task force created by administrative action of a state
34 department or agency and an advisory board, advisory
35 commission, advisory committee, task force, or other

1 body created by action of an administrative officer of a
2 political subdivision were not included in the definition of
3 a governmental body. The new definition relating to such
4 bodies and actions also includes, in addition to public safety
5 recommendations, recommendations on budgetary issues.